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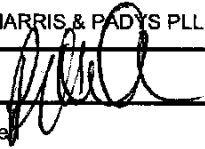
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First Named Inventor	Ellen M. Heath
Art Unit	1623
Examiner Name	Devesh Khare
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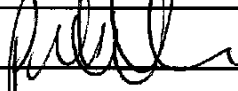
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**S/N 09/974,798**

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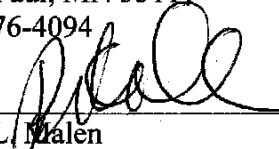
Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application.

Applications that claim priority to the related application may be filed, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review those applications prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

Application Number	Filing Date
11/255,807	October 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,  
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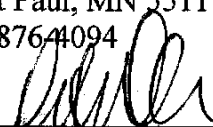
In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials submitted herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the Form 1449, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

An Information Disclosure Statement filing fee of \$180.00 is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 503503 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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**US PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials *	US Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee/Applicant of Document
	7,115,719	October 3, 2006	Paulsen
	7,148,343	December 12, 2006	Bair, Jr. et al.
	2005/0191760	September 1, 2005	Heath et al.
	2006/0105372	May 18, 2006	Bair et al.
	2007/0043216	February 22, 2007	Bair, Jr. et al.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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	CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 62 <sup>nd</sup> Edition, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida. D-96, B-75, B-91, B-113, B-132, B-147 (1981-1982).

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